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MARGINAL COLUMN BY GEORGE LEONOF

THE generous publicity given by Moscow regarding the discussions in the Soviet capital with the Syrian delegation headed by Defense Minister Khaled Asem, if they do not officially confirm press reports of their contents, leave no doubt as to the prime importance which the Soviet leadership attaches to the talks. An impression is deliberately being created, in easy stages, that the Soviet Government is building up a counter to American policy in the Middle East. The Soviet programme lacks a "trade name," and differs from the "Eisenhower Doctrine" in other, perhaps more important, aspects. Whereas the Doctrine offers Middle Eastern countries a blanket guarantee, covering the entire area, against specific aggression by the United States, the Soviet programme is essentially an aggression by international Communism — the Soviet Union seems to think it can offset the effects of the Doctrine by turning it inside out, as it were.

THE Kremlin approach, if any indication is to be made, is to conclude bilateral agreements with individual Middle Eastern countries guaranteeing them against "aggression." The immediate attraction of such guarantees to the Arab states concerned, that they are given the opportunity of exploiting them as best suits their purposes at any particular time. Thus it may please Syria to yield the threat of Soviet intervention against "Western imperialism." Next day, the enemy could be "Israeli aggression," and the next "threat of aggression" by Jordan.

TO be plausible, however, such a policy would have to offer advantages to the Soviet side as well, and in theory, at least, such advantages are lacking. For one thing, it would strictly limit Soviet commitments to the area to the countries of their choice. If this seems to lack the "scope" of American policy, the Russians no doubt think to compensate for this by choosing Egypt and Syria, the self-proclaimed champions of Arab "nationalist aspirations" who, it is hoped, will be able eventually to rally Arab support far beyond the confines of their own borders. The Soviet Union, rather obviously, does not consider the job of Abdul Nasser's popularity in Jordan and Saudi Arabia to be permanent, and appears to have patterned its Middle East policy to force him into the shortcomings of the Eisenhower Doctrine, while matching or even bettering it in terms of economic aid.

CRITICISM of the Doctrine has come from the Soviet and pro-Soviet blocs alone. Pro-American Arab leaders are on record as saying that, while they approve of its guarantees against aggression by international Communism, no provision is made in the event of aggression from any source which may not be so clearly defined. The argument has now been taken up by the "New York Times," which yesterday pointed out that the Doctrine does not apply to the conflict in Oman. The "aggression" against the Imam's insurgents, but the U.S. is depicted as a tacit conspirator in the intervention. The Imam's appeal to both America and Russia, for their help in "putting an end to the aggressive acts of the British forces against the people of Oman" has, as the "New York Times" said, "drawn immediate response from one side alone. In Moscow, 'Izvestia' declared that British action would develop into major proportions, but would not comment on the Imam's appeal."

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Mapai: Histadrut Exec. to End Strike

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER
TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The Mapai members of the Haifa Labour Council (who form its majority), including Mr. Y. Almog, Council Secretary, have agreed to the Histadrut Executive taking over the negotiations with the Ata management with the aim of terminating the 12-week-old strike. A decision to this effect was taken unanimously tonight at a meeting of the Mapai Secretariat, at which Prime Minister Ben-Gurion was present.

Mr. Y. Almog also cast his vote for the motion. Other members of the Haifa Labour Council were present, as were representatives of the Ata Works Committee.

The motion stated: The Mapai Secretariat welcomes the agreement of its members in the Haifa Labour Council to hand over the negotiations with the Ata management to the Histadrut Executive. The Secretariat suggests that its members in the Histadrut Executive Council and the Ata Works Committee before reaching a final decision as to the termination of the dispute.

The meeting lasted for just over an hour.

The Histadrut Executive (Vaad Hapoel) is due to convene on Thursday. It is expected that the meeting will discuss the decision of the Central Committee (Vaad HaMerkaz).

2 Greeks Killed By Turk Border Guards

SALONIKA, Greece, Tuesday (Reuters). — Two Greeks were killed by Turkish border guards on the Greek-Turkish border near the village of Layana in the South district early yesterday. Greek authorities announced today.

The two victims, aged 23 and 13 — with their father Triantafyllos Mazaris, were captured by the Turks and taken to the Turkish side of the Evros River. They attempted to escape by throwing themselves into the river but only the father reached the other side. He reported his sons lost their lives under Turkish fire.

The Greek authorities are meeting Turkish representatives on the border today to discuss the incident.

An Athens report said the Greek Ambassador in Ankara, Mr. George Pasmantzoglou, yesterday conferred with Premier Constantinos Karamanlis and Foreign Minister Evangelos Averoff about his recent talks with Turkish officials on the Cyprus question and Greco-Turkish relations.

The Ambassador who arrived in Athens on Sunday will leave for Corfu island in a few days to hand over a personal message of the Turkish President, Mr. Celal Baykal, to King Paul. He will return to Ankara at the end of August.

Meanwhile, it was announced in Athens today that the first of two U.S. submarines for Greece will be handed over to the U.S. naval base at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, on August 10.

Sinhalese Plan Peaceful Resistance in Ceylon

COLOMBO, Tuesday (Reuters). — The Ceylon Government, which stated off a threat of civil disobedience by the Tamil community last month, faces a Satyagraha (peaceful resistance) movement from Sinhalese organizations in protest against its concessions to the Tamils.

The Sinhalese organizations have decided to launch Satyagraha from October 1 if Premier Bandaranaike does not repudiate the concessions. The Sinhalese claim "sold the rights and heritage of the Sinhalese to the Tamil people."

The Sinhalese, mostly Buddhist, comprise six millions, and the Tamils, largely Hindu, two millions of the 8,700,000 population.

Last year Parliament passed an act giving the Tamils the only official language, but last month the Premier agreed to recognize Tamil as the language of a national minority and granted a measure of regional autonomy.

The Tamils then called off their planned civil disobedience campaign. Sinhalese groups which oppose the agreement include the United National Party which was Ceylon's ruling party until its general election defeat last year.

THAT such fears are graphically illustrated by the conflict in Oman. The official position of the U.S. is one of moderation and caution, the Soviet Union is having a field day. Not only is Britain denounced for her "aggression" against the Imam's insurgents, but the U.S. is depicted as a tacit conspirator in the intervention. The Imam's appeal to both America and Russia, for their help in "putting an end to the aggressive acts of the British forces against the people of Oman" has, as the "New York Times" said, "drawn immediate response from one side alone. In Moscow, 'Izvestia' declared that British action would develop into major proportions, but would not comment on the Imam's appeal."

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Italians Seen Getting Contract To Lay Suez Canal Pipeline

By GEORGE LICHTHEIM, Jerusalem Post Correspondent
LONDON, Tuesday. — Italian firms are believed here to stand a good chance of getting the contract for laying a pipeline along the Suez Canal.

The contract, which is being planned, and bigger expenditures. All told, an appeal to Italian capital seems likely. Completion of the Suez Canal project has been delayed for unknown reasons, and the field is now open to the Italians who last year won the contract for the Suez Canal pipeline and are currently active partners in the development of Sinai oil fields.

These moves are being watched with interest here and not altogether without sympathy, since they suggest the chance of a partial withdrawal of British influence from the economic field, at a moment when Egyptian policy is dangerously inclined towards Russia.

Tanker Equivalent
Apparently Cairo wants the pipeline to have a daily capacity of half a million barrels, roughly equivalent to 75,000 tons. This is the equivalent of an average daily load of five tankers. With the completion of the pipeline it would be possible for the new super-tankers to feed the Suez Canal while smaller tankers would carry the oil from Port Said.

Latest Cairo reports put the probable cost at \$12m.-\$15m. One reason that Cairo seems to favour the scheme is that it would enable Egypt to accept foreign capital for the development of the Suez Canal without back-peddling on its nationalization. It might also counteract the current Western tendency to develop plans to reduce Europe's dependence on the Suez.

Egyptian officials seem confident that the 100-mile pipeline project under this plan can be completed in 12 months. The alternative is to broaden and deepen the Canal, but this involves long-term

China Uncovers New Anti-State Groups

PEKING, Tuesday (Reuters). — Peking newspapers today disclosed that two more "counter-revolutionary groups" had been uncovered in China, bringing the total to seven in the past fortnight.

The latest disclosures concern two groups which operated in the Hunan-Hubei border area, not far from Hanyang in Central China, where 1,000 middle school students rioted and demonstrated against the Government last June.

Khrushchev Due In Berlin Today

BERLIN, Tuesday (Reuters). — The people of East Berlin were today called on to decorate homes and line the streets tomorrow for the arrival of the Soviet Communist Party chief, Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, and 11 Soviet leaders on an official visit.

"Neues Deutschland," official organ of the East German Communists, told Berliners to turn the welcoming ceremony into "a mighty demonstration of the warm alliance with the peoples of the great Soviet Union."

The Soviet visitors, who include Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko and Trade Minister Anastas Mikoyan, will drive from the station to Pankow suburb, the seat of the East German Government, where they are expected to stay.

Soviet officials in Berlin said recently the party would probably spend about three days in East Berlin, then tour the country and pay a farewell visit to East Berlin, staying about a week in all.

East German authorities have told the Foreign Press Association in West Berlin that Western journalists will also be allowed to follow the Soviet leaders into East Germany.

At West German newspapers are still speculating about the visit of Prime Minister Bulganin, who is not included in the visiting delegation. A Soviet Embassy spokesman told a questioner he presumed the substitution of Mr. Mikoyan for Marshal Bulganin indicated that economic talks would play an important part in the visit.

'Borba' Sees Yugoslav-Soviet Cooperation

BEIGRADE, Tuesday (Reuters). — The official Yugoslav Communist Party newspaper "Borba" said today that the meeting between President Tito and Mr. Nikita Khrushchev last week was "very successful and warmly welcomed" by the Yugoslav people.

The newspaper said the meeting opened possibilities for the successful development of the system of "cooperation." It described the "known difficulties" in relations between the two countries as "harmful" for both sides and that the meeting would lead to the "normalization of relations in the world."

But now the wish to normalize these relations had removed a situation which at one time had been serious, "Borba" said.

A-Test Demonstrators Arrested in Nevada
ATOMIC TEST SITE, Nevada, Tuesday (Reuters). — Eleven demonstrators protesting against atomic tests were arrested today as they attempted to enter the Nevada testing grounds as an act of "passive resistance."

Atomic Energy Commission guards took them into custody at the main gate of Camp Mercury, headquarters of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, and held them for testing programme. The demonstrators were members of pacifist organizations.

A spokesman added that no one was injured.

2 U.S. Subs Collide

NEW YORK, Tuesday (Reuters). — Two U.S. submarines of the Atlantic Fleet collided at sea early today but were only slightly damaged, Naval Headquarters announced in New York.

A spokesman added that no one was injured.

Yemen Protests

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuters). — The Yemen today protested to Britain against alleged attacks by British forces on Yemeni territory.

A statement by the Yemeni Legation here declared that on August 2 "British forces launched a savage attack on the posts of Shukri Sawda and the outskirts of the town of Harbi in Yemen, using guns and machineguns."

Jordan Infiltrators' Raids at Lachish

BEERSHEVA, Tuesday. — Infiltrators from Jordan stole parts of a water pump and irrigation pipes valued at £400 from Lachish last night.

Footprints of four people were traced to the Jordan border.

Soviets Query West on Control Of Its Bases

LONDON, Tuesday. — Russia reacted officially for the first time to the West's open skies disarmament plan today, and demanded to know why it did not include U.S. and NATO bases in North Africa, the Near East, Turkey and Pakistan.

The question was one of three put to the five-power U.N. Disarmament Sub-Committee by the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Valerian Zorin.

Mr. Zorin asked: "Why did the broad zones of inspection in the Western hemisphere not include areas such as North Africa, the Near East, Turkey, Pakistan and other areas where the U.S., NATO, and the South-East Asia Treaty Organization have bases?"

Why the European zone of inspection was made continuous, he asked, "despite the fact that one of two zones proposed for the Western hemisphere?"

Was the proposed system of inspection to be fully agreed upon prior to the entry into force of a disarmament agreement or was it suggested that such a system could be put into operation as a condition of an agreement?

In Washington today, Mr. Dulles told his press conference that the danger of war would be reduced if the Soviet Union accepted the Western proposals for inspection zones which he presented to the disarmament conference in London last week.

He termed the plans possibly the most significant peace move in history. He said that the inspection system would be a surprise to the British and would not be a ratification of any disarmament treaty, should find the proposals irresistible because they would not be a choice of areas for each zone. In reply to Mr. Zorin's question, he said it was the intention of the West to make the inspection system a condition of an agreement, and that the inspection system would be installed at the time of the entry into force of a partial disarmament agreement.

The U.S. delegate, Mr. Stassen, endorsed this.

The delegates agreed to meet again tomorrow. They also agreed to publish their interim report to the U.N. Disarmament Commission next Thursday. (Reuters, UP)

Lebanese Killed In Post-Election Clash

AN army officer was killed at Idhen village in the Lebanon several days ago, Beirut Radio announced yesterday.

The slain officer was killed after disputes with villagers who "remained embittered" after clashes in the area during the recent general election. The officers had arrested "several scores" of villagers and seized arms including two machineguns, 16 rifles, and several pistols, it was added.

EGYPT SENDS FIRST COTTON TO FRANCE

CAIRO, Tuesday (Reuters). — The first shipment of Egyptian cotton to France since the Suez action last November left Alexandria yesterday aboard the Belgian cargo ship "L'Esperance," carrying 130 bales worth £20,000.

Rebels Don French Uniform To Confuse Army in Algeria

ALGIERS, Tuesday (UPI). — French Army officers today said that Algerian rebels masquerading in French uniforms "confused" their men in a weekend battle in which 21 French soldiers were killed and 15 wounded.

The rebels were reported to have lost at least 18 men in the two-day fight, one of the most bloody since Algerian nationalists started fighting for independence.

Paratroopers, foreign legionnaires and infantry backed by aircraft and artillery were today pursuing the insurgent band.

A French patrol ran into a heavier rebel unit on Saturday morning and immediately deployed for a battle. The French gunners became so "confused" by the sight of rebels wearing French uniforms that they were able to slip in and take heavy casualties.

Fighter planes were called in during the day to strafe rebel positions. Five generals, including Gen. Jacques Allard, Commander of the Algerian Army Corps, directed the battle.

At least nine separate rebel attacks against civilians were recorded yesterday causing the death of five Europeans. Fifteen rebels were slain in two minor patrol clashes.

Rebel bombings, shootings

Russians Pledge to Give Syria Credits, Extensive Economic Aid

Ike Doctrine Seen Ignoring Vital Local Aspects of M.E. Conflicts

NEW YORK, Tuesday. — "The New York Times," commenting on President Eisenhower's report this week on the progress of his Middle East policy, said today that it unfortunately took into account only the doctrine's anti-Communist aim. But it did not apply to the many cross-currents, rivalries and conflicts which rend the area from within and which continue not only to invite further Soviet penetration, but also to maintain the Middle East as a powder keg, with irresponsible elements ready to light the fuse.

The newspaper continued: "The most dangerous of these elements is led by Colonel Nasser. He is certainly the main factor behind the tribal revolt in Oman and Muscat, in which the Imam of Oman is the titular leader, but the headquarters of which are in Cairo."

"The New York Times" said that the revolt had done everything to serve Nasser's ends. British intervention threatened to bring the U.S. into conflict with King Saud, who sides with the U.S. against Nasser on the Communist issue, but who could now be forced back into the Egyptian leader's arms. This in turn could strain Anglo-U.S. relations, which American oil strikes in the Sultanate might further aggravate.

Spread of Subversion
In London, "The Times" argued today that it was not a long step for the forces of subversion to cross from the Arabian peninsula to Africa, and the suggestion that British troops should move from Cyprus to Kenya was a recognition of the possible dangers ahead.

Minor unrest in the form of tribal quarrels was endemic and traditional in the peripheral territories of Arabia, the newspaper said, and it was often difficult to differentiate between domestic unrest and subversion inspired from outside.

To assess the possible dangers we must look at the supply of arms. "The Times" said it was impossible to define Russia's precise aims in continuing to send weapons to Syria and the Yemen or the aims of Saudi Arabia in arming the Imam of Oman, leader of the Oman revolt. But it is easy to see how they stand to gain from planting arms in areas which are seedbeds of subversion.

This guaranteed a dividend for the propaganda services of Moscow and Cairo, and there was always the chance of a material dividend in oil. While these factors probably accounted for the rampant inspired subversion that had so far occurred in the Arabian peninsula, there are other possibilities that arrest the eye as one looks at the map and thinking forward a few years," the newspaper added. It drew particular attention to the geographical position of Aden, which, by commanding the entrance to the Red Sea, "therefore commands the back door to Israel."

(INA, Reuters)

Dulles Denies U.S. Wants British Out

WASHINGTON, Tuesday. — Secretary of State Dulles asserted today that there was no desire whatsoever on the part of the U.S. to drive the British or to make trouble for British interests in the Middle East.

He made the statement at his news conference today when asked to comment on what a correspondent said was concern in Britain that the U.S. "looked happily at British troubles in the hope that American oil companies would get a larger share of oil production in the area."

Mr. Dulles said it must be remembered that tribal conflicts have been chronic in the area for 100 years. He recalled that in 1914 the Imam sent an appeal to President Woodrow Wilson.

U.S. Sees UN Chief

UNITED NATIONS, Tuesday (UPI). — The Israeli Ambassador, Mr. Abba Eban, conferred last night with Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld for 30 minutes on current problems, with special emphasis on the recent refusal of the U.N. truce chief to accept the U.N. truce chief.

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Komsomol Chief Forbids Israel Pamphlet at Youth Festival

The Komsomol Chairman of the Soviet Union, the Communist youth organization, on Monday banned the Israel delegation from disseminating printed matter which had been approved by the International Youth Festival Committee, and warned that if this ruling was not observed the Israel delegation would be asked to leave the Soviet Union. This was reported yesterday by Philip Ben, the "Marxist" correspondent new in Moscow.

This question had previously been discussed by the Festival Committee which had forbidden the circulation of a booklet on Israel youth in Russian and English, but had allowed appearance of a program with the Israel insignia and an Israel song book.

The Komsomol Chairman added that his ban conflicted with the Festival Committee's decision, but said that his ruling, directed against the spread of Israel material among Soviet citizens, took precedence.

At a news conference, an Indian newsmen who queried the ban, was told by a French member of the Com-

Arms Sale Not Mentioned

MOSCOW, Tuesday. — A Soviet economic delegation will go to Syria to implement development projects in that country following two weeks of talks between Soviet authorities and a Syrian delegation in Moscow, according to a joint statement signed today.

The statement noted that the Soviet Government is prepared to cooperate with Syria in the construction of roads and railways, irrigation projects, the construction of hydro-electric power stations and other industrial schemes. This cooperation will also cover geological and other surveys.

The Soviet Union has agreed to give favourable consideration to the granting of credits to Syria for the payment of the survey projects, the supply of equipment and other expenses.

It was stated that this economic and technical cooperation would be carried out without any political or other conditions on the basis of equality and mutual benefit, and without any interference in the internal affairs of Syria, respecting fully the national sovereignty of that country. Both sides considered it essential to take measures leading to a development of trade, the communication said.

Grave Anxiety Over Eylon's Treatment

The Egyptians' refusal to allow a Red Cross representative to see Rafi Eylon must arouse, the "grave misgivings" about the treatment he is getting at their hands, the Foreign Ministry spokesman declared yesterday.

The spokesman said: "The Government has been shocked by the refusal of the Egyptian authorities to allow a representative of the International Red Cross to visit Rafi Eylon."

"There is no substance whatever in the Egyptian claim that they are entitled to refuse such a visit under the terms of Article 1 of the Geneva Convention for the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War. Nothing in this article nor elsewhere in the Convention can be construed as giving the Egyptian Government the right to prevent the Red Cross delegates from visiting a prisoner."

"Egypt's refusal must give rise to the gravest misgivings about the treatment to which Eylon is being subjected."

Buy Syrian Grain

In consideration of the wishes of the Syrian Arab Republic, the Soviet Union will give favourable consideration to the question of selling to Syria machinery, equipment, materials, and other goods, as well as the purchase by the Soviet Union of grain from this year's harvest, and to increase its purchases of raw cotton and wool.

The Soviet news agency said that in talks held between the two delegations a sincere and wide exchange of opinions was made on questions of interest to both countries in conformity with the striving of both towards consolidating peace and security in the Middle East.

The signing followed a Soviet Government reception at the Spidromovskaya Palace given by Premier Bulganin and Defense Minister Marshal Zhukov.

The communiqué was signed by Syria's Acting Defence Minister Khaled Asem and Soviet Vice-Premier J. Kuznetsov. There was no mention of the sale of arms.

Big Reduction

Last week, the Damascus paper "El Rai el Am" reported from Moscow that the Soviet authorities had agreed to slash \$200m. from the amount of \$400m. owed by Syria for goods purchased. A reception held on Monday by the Syrian Arab Republic, the Soviet Government, thanked the Syrian Government for its aid, which he said would "help maintain the independence of the Arab nations." He said the Syrians would fight to the death against their sole enemies, the "imperialists and Zionists."

Vice-Premier Kuznetsov gave a reception for the Syrian delegation at the Kremlin last night, according to U.P.

Meanwhile, President Kuwatly of Syria is due to arrive in Damascus this morning after spending three weeks in Europe, where he had a medical checkup in Zurich, Switzerland. He arrived in Geneva yesterday. (Reuters, Damascus R.)

U.S. Seen Freeing Book Funds in Israel

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (INA). — The House Appropriations Committee today favorably reported on a Bill releasing some \$3.2m. worth of Israeli pounds to various organizations.

The money is an accumulation of payments in Israeli pounds for the purchase of books and magazines. The funds will eventually be divided among such groups as the American Friends of the Hebrew University, Zionists and other beneficiaries.

Rep. John Rooney of Brooklyn, N.Y. is Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee which prepared the bill. He is confident of House passage this week.

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(A) Humidity at 5 p.m. (B) Minimum temp. (C) Maximum temp. (D) Maximum temp. expected today.

Second Plot Against Soviet Embassy Foiled by Shin Bet

By MARK SEGAL, Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The underground led by Ya'akov Heruti had planned anew to blow up the Soviet Embassy after the receipt of the Bulgarian ultimatum during the Sinai campaign, and had only been prevented from doing so by "Shin Bet" action, declared the Officer responsible for the Security Services in the Tel Aviv District Court today.

The Attorney-General, Mr. Haim Cohen, appeared in place of the Assistant State Attorney, Mrs. M. Ben Porat who is indisposed, in the hearing in Dr. Y. Barak's chambers on Heruti's plea to be released on bail.

Judge Barak announced that he would decide tomorrow morning whether to allow bail.

The witness was the only one to be heard today, and publication of his name was forbidden. At the beginning of the hearing, Mr. Haim Cohen, the Attorney General, produced a document of immunity from the Minister of Defense, preventing the publication of the witness on various matters concerning Shin Bet activities.

The witness went on to state that upon discovering the plot, the Shin Bet had invited five leaders of the underground group to call on the police, to receive a warning against carrying out the plan. The five were Heruti, Yosef Menkes (who is on trial for the murder of Dr. Israel Kastner), Shimon Becher, Elhanan Givoni and another person.

Three answered summons. Three of them, including Heruti, appeared, whilst the other two, including Menkes, did not. They had not been invited again, and, after a minute of the talks in the police station had been taken, but "as usual" Heruti had denied everything.

The witness declared that the Shin Bet had been informed for some time of the underground's activities and plans, but not all the information had been passed on to the police. The group had planned to assassinate British Foreign Minister Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, during his visit here in February 1957, and to assassinate the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, on his way to the airport.

All these plans were known some time before the Kastner murder, he said.

Mr. Y. Adar, counsel for Heruti, asked the witness why he did not take measures against the members of the underground.

The witness replied that he did. Apart from calling the leaders to the police station, after the Kastner murder, he approached the Government and requested that the terrorist regulations be enforced. This, however, was turned down.

Trial in November
Judge Barak announced that the trial itself would be postponed until November 16, due to the absence abroad of one of the members of the bench, and the participation of Mr. Ben-Zion in the Kastner murder trial. He promised that he would look into the possibility of bringing the trial forward to October.

During the interval a prolonged conversation took place between the witness and the Attorney General, and the Attorney General, Mr. Adar, after the hearing recommenced, the Judge indicated that he had unsuccessfully attempted to bridge the differences of opinion between both sides concerning the bail plea.

The content of the negotiations was known by the Security Services Officer, he said. "Heruti is a better person than the other members of the conspiracy, and perhaps he will be a victim of the others."

When Heruti's attorney, Mr. Adar, tried to press the witness to reveal the names and identity of future witnesses, he said that he could not do so "because we do not want our witnesses to be afraid for their very lives."

Pressure Charged
Mr. Adar, in support of his plea for Heruti's release on bail, declared that no evidence had as yet been brought against him. The only reason for keeping him in jail until the end of the trial is to bring undue pressure on him, he said. Mr. Adar continued to stress that the Shin Bet had no more valid witnesses to bring, to which the witness repeated that the possibility existed that more evidence would be produced.

At this juncture, Mr. Cohen jumped up, declaring, "I object to the witness being forced to say who will appear. Only I shall decide on such matters."

Mr. Adar: "What acts of terror were actually performed by Heruti since his release from Tel Mond (prison) in 1955?"

Witness: "The leaflet (against Magistrate Peretz) advocated terror and those who were behind the leaflet were behind the murder. There were other acts and they will be proved in court during the trial proper."

Mr. Adar: "He would prove that 'Heruti was not dangerous' and that no actual evidence had been brought to

Frenchmen Visit Taas Factory

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The French parliamentary delegation led by M. Jacques Soustelle today visited an Army Taas factory where they saw munitions being produced. During the afternoon the visitors were free from organized activity and had a chance to see the sights of Tel Aviv.

This evening a reception was held at the Ramat Aviv Hotel for the delegation. Among those present were the French Ambassador, the Directors-General of the Ministries of Defence and Foreign Affairs, the Commandant of the Navy and the Air Force, the Army's Operations Officer, and the Inspector-General of Police.

During the day the delegation visited the Tel Aviv Municipality and were received by the Mayor, Mr. H. Levanon, and Councillors.

The delegation is staying at the Sharon in Herzliya.

Woman Stabbed 72 Times As Witnesses Stand Indifferent

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — "I saw the accused pull a kitchen knife from his pocket and begin stabbing the woman who lay helpless at his feet. I shouted 'he's killing her.' There were 10 men watching but no one made a move to intervene."

This was said by Mrs. Shoshana Ya'acobi, a prosecution witness in the preliminary examination today of Eliahu Eliahu, 29, of Ramat Hasharon, charged with the murder of his sister, Mrs. Dora Zarfman, a month ago.

Mrs. Ya'acobi said that while feeding her children on the veranda of her home in Ramat Hasharon on the evening of the murder, she suddenly heard cries. She then saw the accused assaulting two women on a nearby path. He was concentrating his attack on the younger of the two, while the other woman attempted to separate them but without success, she recalled.

Mrs. Ya'acobi hurriedly left her children and she too tried to part them, but was pushed away by the accused. The accused struck the struggling young woman, threw her to the ground, and then whipped out the knife and repeatedly stabbed her.

Witness Stabbed
With the young woman continuing to cry, the witness again sought to intervene, and the accused stabbed the witness in her arm. Her arm bleeding, Mrs. Ya'acobi left the place, calling to bystanders to help.

The witness managed to see the accused continue stabbing the prone body until it ceased moving.

According to the pathological report, she had been stabbed 72 times in all parts of her body.

Eliahu Eliahu then sat by the body, and a 2,500-watt light was switched on, waiting until the police came. The police testified that the accused declined to say why he killed his sister. He came to the police station on a charge of murder.

The prisoner's lawyer, Mr. Y. Ben-Menahem, asked Magistrate H. Bental to commit Eliahu to trial in the District Court on a charge of manslaughter, and not of premeditated murder.

The decision is to be given on Thursday. (Him)

FIFA to Fix Cup Game Venue

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The World Soccer Cup Organization Committee is to take up the question of the site of the international games between Israel and Indonesia at its next meeting in Stockholm on August 17.

Indonesia is demanding that both matches be played in a "neutral" country, while the Israeli Association has insisted that one of them be held here.

The General Secretary of F.I.F.A., Mr. Gassman, in his letter to the Israeli Association, disregarded the Indonesian proposal to play both games in a "neutral" country, but presented Israel's proposal as suggesting one game in Israel and the second in Indonesia. He stated that since there were no special regulations governing winners of area games, the matter would be brought before the World Cup Organization Committee.

Mr. Gassman said that everything would be done to reach agreement, taking into account all considerations of sport.

The Israeli Football Association this morning informed the Secretary of F.I.F.A. that it would on no account agree to both games being played in a "neutral" country. It affirmed its proposal that one match be held in Israel, with the site of the other to be chosen by Indonesia, although not necessarily to be in Indonesia itself.

Poor Sale of Government Bonds May Slow Immigration—Eshkol

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Failure on the part of the Israel public to take up debentures recently issued by the Government and the Jewish Agency would mean reducing the housing programme, with a resulting shortage of dwellings for the present wave of immigration, Mr. Levi Eshkol, Minister of Finance, told the press yesterday.

That would inevitably lead to a reduction of immigration, as the authorities are firmly resolved not to revert to the past policy of bringing immigrants without providing for adequate shelter and work. The Government is also unwilling to enter into building contracts without previously securing the financial resources.

Thirty-two thousand housing units costing IL100m. are required for the 110,000 immigrants expected to enter the country between last January and next April. Of this amount, only one half has been provided for in the Government's development budget and from Jewish Agency sources. One quarter is covered by private capital from abroad, and the remaining quarter must be supplied by Israeli investors.

IL10m. Needed Monthly
About IL10m. a month is needed in order to enable building to take place at the required pace.

Mr. D. Tenna, head of the Housing Division of the Ministry of Labour, added that there was no use in proposing the erection of temporary housing such as wooden huts or asbestos houses, since actual building costs were the same for all types, namely about IL120 per square metre. In addition, IL1,500 to IL1,800 per unit must be spent in general development such as sewerage, water, electricity, roads and schools. There was no result in sum conditions and social discontent, and would cause higher costs in the long run.

Meanwhile, it was learned that the Ministry of Labour has already begun planning for the possibility that future immigrants might have to be housed in semi-permanent dwellings.

Debits to Contractors
The building of permanent housing is seriously endangered, because the Government is unable to pay the debts which have accumulated with contractors. The monthly rate of building since the spring has been between 2,000 and 2,500 units, with costs averaging IL15m. a month. The budget allows for only IL12m. thus creating a deficit of IL3m. a month.

Contractors from both private and cooperative sectors have threatened that they will have to halt construction because of lack of working capital. They also maintain that the present rate of building has resulted in higher costs owing to the rise in the wages of skilled workers and to the rise in the price of building materials.

The Government hopes that with the floating of the housing loan the financial situation will be improved, though the response has so far been disappointing.

ARRIVALS

Mr. Y. Meshel, after spending five days in Stuttgart where he represented the Industrial Workers International.

Mr. Mordechai Ben-Zion, from Argentina, in take part in the ideological meeting on Israel and the Diaspora opening tomorrow (by Swissair).

Mrs. Miriam Kohn, sister of the late Israel Kastner to Switzerland by Y. Adar.

Mr. Zvi Friedland and Miss Hana Handler, members of the Bahman Theatre troupe, from London after taking part in the Paris Drama Festival.

Dr. Ariel Gidon, senior economist of the Bank of Israel (by El Al).

DEPARTURES

Mrs. Chaya Surchin, President of Pioneer Women in the U.S. and Canada, after participating in the Zionist General Council and devoting another two weeks to the work of Moshe Hapayis, Professor U. Schimel of the Hebrew University, to Switzerland (by Swissair).

Miss Esther Ben-Zion, M.E. to Moscow for a month's holiday (by SAS).

Dr. S. Levenberg, Jewish Agency Representative in London and Vice-President of the British Zionist Federation, for London, after participating in the Zionist General Council (by El Al).

Mr. Max Freilich, Chairman of the Zionist Federation of Australia and New Zealand and member of the Zionist General Council (by Air France).

Mr. I. Melamed, Counsel for Norway in Israel (largely) L.A. accompanied by Mrs. Melamed, has left for Norway and England on leave and business.

FIFTY-FOUR classrooms for schools and kindergartens are being built in Holon at a cost of IL600,000 and will be completed for the new term. They will accommodate some 1,000 children who have just reached school-age, and will reduce the number attending afternoon school. (Him)

ELIAT CHILDREN recently left to spend their holidays in Jerusalem and Ramat Gan under a scheme organized by the Eliat Labour Council and the Working Mothers League. The 84 youngsters were put up in the homes of members of the League, their parents only having to bear the cost of the flight.

THE OFFICES of the Journalists Association in Tel Aviv will be closed afternoons during August and September, and no regular press conferences will be held.

512 TONS of white sugar from Cuba arrived in Haifa in the m.v. Tapus yesterday. The sugar came in paper sacks.

NAHARIYA COMMITTEE ON HOSPITAL CLOSURE

ACRE, Tuesday. — A public actions committee is being set up in Western Galilee to lead the struggle against the Government's inaction in view of the closure of the area's hospital in Nahariya, a Local Council spokesman said today.

The spokesman knew of no developments to substantiate the statement by the Minister of Health that "Malben is now showing greater understanding" of the pressing need of a hospital in Western Galilee and that it might loan the Government one of the huts at its own hospital.

The surgical ward of the Nahariya Hospital was closed last week and the hospital authorities threatened to close the maternity ward as well, unless the Ministry of Health took a hand in the solution of its accommodation problem.

Since the closing of the surgical ward, all surgical and emergency cases in Western Galilee have been sent to Haifa hospitals.

More Egyptian Jews May Enter U.S.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (INA). — Sponsors of immigration legislation which would permit entry into the U.S. of 5,000 or more Egyptian Jews indicated optimism last night on the prospects for favourable Senate action before the adjournment of Congress on August 31.

The optimism is based on Senator James Eastland's calling of a Judiciary Committee meeting. The Committee is considering various immigration bills in open session.

Sen. John F. Kennedy has reason to think his bill will be favourably treated by the Committee.

15,000 Flock To Mt. Zion

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Tisha B'Av observances ended on Mt. Zion at sunset yesterday with the singing of "David the King of Israel."

Fifteen thousand worshippers, including large groups of tourists, flocked to the site to witness the ceremony. The worshippers gathered on the slopes of the mountain, and the singing of "David the King of Israel" was heard from all parts of the city.

The ceremony was conducted by the Chief Rabbi, Mr. Isaac Eliahu, who led the worshippers in the singing of "David the King of Israel" and "The Lamentations." The ceremony was a solemn one, and the worshippers were deeply moved.

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Slap in Face For Queen's Critic

LONDON, Tuesday (UP). — Lord Altrincham, the 85-year-old Tory peer who recently suggested that the Queen's public speaking style was "a pain in the neck," was slapped in the face as he left a television studio tonight after defending his criticisms of the Queen and court before a television audience.

The man who struck him said "that's for insulting the Queen."

The man was taken to a nearby police station, and his hand lengthened the normal unloading time from three and a-half days to six days. Upon the arrival of two more grain ships in Haifa, the unloading of one of them, the s.s. Campanella, was diverted to the U.P.S. despite a protest by Dagon.

Mr. A. Landman said this evening that he considered "it was a slap in the face" on its merits. At present the Port was practically empty, and yet a grain ship was waiting to be unloaded.

To avoid the payment of demurrage and damage to the ships in the Port, which had recently been upgraded, he had given the job to U.P.S., whose men were idle these days.

As for the cost, there was no need to the Government involved. Under the new tariff, the U.P.S. would receive IL200 per ton for grain unloading and bagging, which was even below Dagon's charges.

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ISRAEL is welcoming the visit of the French delegation headed by M. J. Soustelle with profound interest as well as satisfaction. Too little has been known of the French delegation in the past, and every opportunity to deepen and widen this knowledge is being grasped avidly: witness the enormous popularity of the opportunities for study of French civilization offered by the cultural department of the French Embassy here. Thus the French delegates will find that Israel is as anxious to study them and their views as they themselves are to obtain a first-hand picture of Israel. It is no more than natural that this should be so, for if there are sociological and historical ties between Israel and the American people today, and many parallels of political development and organization with the United Kingdom, it is certainly the individualist and intellectual achievements of France that are nearest to the wishes and hopes that most Israelis have for the future of their country.

France's liberal outlook and freedom from many of the age-old prejudices of other nations—particularly in the sphere of race relations—would be sufficient to afford a solid basis for friendship. But circumstances have created a situation where France, and Israel even more, must both strive for the emergence of a stabilized and more rational Middle East if their future is to be prosperous or even physically secure. Britain to this day pins her faith on rival desert sheikhs who may be bribed or brow-beaten into supporting Western influence, while the United States with excessive credulousness hopes that the material advantages of the masses will in the long run prove an incentive for co-operation for Arab rulers who are no more than tribal chieftains blown up large, without anything in the nature of a political or economic plan to offer their people. France knows that only a North Africa with an individualist and Westernized outlook will be able to become part of the Mediterranean world to which Israel also belongs, and that the supporters of the pan-Arab myth in both London and Cairo will have to disappear before such a world can be securely established.

To help bring the world that step further will require the thought and labour of many years; it cannot be done overnight or by means of a short swift battle. But it is important for both countries to know that they do not stand alone in this struggle for a Middle East that lives in the contemporary world and not in medieval times, and that their efforts will not be misunderstood everywhere as either colonialism or expansionism.

The French delegation finds Israel in the throes of a new wave of immigration, hopeful but turbulent, with good prospects but present difficulties. No imaginative visitor to Israel today will misread the bewilderment of temporarily dislocated newcomers as a permanent problem nor fail to look carefully at the progress made by the million immigrants of the past decade. They will find among them many former French citizens from North Africa, and many who seek to keep alive a close contact with a language and culture that opened a wider world for them than that of Morocco or Algeria themselves.

The delegation have come as the guests of the Israeli Government and will be welcomed by all parties and all sections, inside and outside the Government. Without waiting for the formality of a pact with Israel that their organization seeks, the rapidly developing relationship between the two countries has superseded formal treaties. Even their short stay in Israel should show them how far we have already come along this road.

New Phase of Operations in Oman

R.A.F. Strikes at Supplies

By H.A.R. PHILEY

BAHREIN (OFNS) — THE third phase of the Royal Air Force operations against the Imam of Oman began last week following first leaflets, then armed demonstrations against the rebels. The new phase consists of economic pressure through attempts to stop all movement in the rebel area. R.A.F. pilots were instructed to shoot up motor transport on roads and tracks in the area held by Talib, younger brother of the Imam. Vehicles may be destroyed only after dummy attacks have forced the occupants to leave them.

On the first day of the new phase the R.A.F. claimed to have destroyed six vehicles, but how far this is likely to affect the primitive economy is doubtful. It seems that Talib and his followers are already avoiding movement by daylight, and flying at altitudes varying from 800 feet to 1,500 feet over the area held by the Imam's supporters. It was like surveying an abandoned, forgotten land. The only sign of movement was one man clad in a white galabiyeh walking along the road between Birket and Mawad. No animals of any kind were seen; and the only vehicle, a stranded tractor-trailer blocking the Iki-Muti road, presumably the victim of an R.A.F. strafing. Admittedly it was mid-afternoon when Arabs avoid the ways of mad dogs and Englishmen, but further reconnaissance the same day sighted only four men and two donkeys.

Yesterday's Press

French Visitors Welcomed

COMMENTING on the arrival of the French parliamentary delegation, Ha-beker (Zionist) dwells on the strength of the bonds between the two countries. Hatzef (World Mishra) hopes that the friendship and cooperation between Israel and France (Histadrut) stresses its significance in the perspective of a formal alliance.

Davar (Histadrut), noting that the present immigration of the building of a minimum 1,500 units a month at an average yearly cost of £12,000, of which only half has been met, expresses the hope that the Treasury is in serious difficulties and will soon have to fall behind by £12m. a month in its payments to contractors. The building industry, in turn, suffering as it does from inadequate credit and revolving capital, will not be able to stand the strain. It is therefore imperative that the public subscribe heavily to the Housing Loan. The paper expresses its surprise at the lack of Government interest in publishing the acute need for funds in this field, and its belief that private building, now engaged in lucrative activity, must also be made to contribute its share in housing the immigrants.

Yediot Aharonot does not believe that there is enough left in the average Israeli pocket after taxes to enable him to participate in the Loan, and claims that the Government's planning of immigration is based on the devious of ways and means of financing it other than relying upon the citizen's resources.

Ha'aretz (non-party) deplores the use of a dog in dispersing the religious demonstration against early Saturday evening business in Tel Aviv, but stresses that the protests, no matter how "peaceful," represent public dis-

turbances and that it is the duty of the police to disperse them. Ultimately, the orthodox minority will have to agree to the compromise which Dan is about to suggest — and that is that in the summertime (the problem does not arise in the winter) the buses leave the garages about an hour before the stars come out.

Ha'aretz (non-party) Minister of the Interior, "belonging as he does to the pro-Communist wing in the Government," spoke with undue restraint in the memorial meeting marking the second anniversary of the shooting down of an El Al plane over Bulgaria, and demands that Israel take the case to the Hague Tribunal.

Lamerhav (Abdud Ha'avoda) notes that the non-Communist Israel delegation to the Moscow Festival is protesting to the festival organizers against the way in which the official publicity discriminated against it, as well as against the ban of handing out literature about Israel. Both practices, of course, were in glaring contrast to the treatment meted out to the Arab delegations, and the paper wonders how the young Arabs who have witnessed such behaviour in Moscow can be expected to advance the cause of peace in the Middle East when they get home.

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) writes that the Israel Government is being gradually stepped up, and barring the sudden collapse of Talib, will continue to get harsher. Thus Britain is incurring the increasing odium of waging war without using the means to bring it to a quick conclusion. This is one of the many signs that the British Government decided to act without consulting carefully enough the nature of the opposition or the best way of overcoming it.

Hamodia (World Aguda) attacks the new Jerusalem budget for its increased expenditure, for the 125 new jobs which it will cover, and for providing so little money for the construction of new synagogues and ritual baths.

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Beware of the Guard

By EPHRAIM KISHON

ONE hot evening we decided, Ervinke and me, to have a look at the much vaunted "Home and Garden" exhibition which is said to be a great favourite with young and pretty housewives. So we jumped on Doc and dashed down to Beit Dagon. I parked my motorcycle on the square in front of the gate and went to buy tickets, while Ervinke leaned against Doc and picked his teeth.

Suddenly a gentleman came up to him and asked: "How much?" "350 pruta," Ervinke said and took the money. But the gentleman did not wait for something. In the end he asked: "Don't you give me a slip of paper?" "What slip of paper?" "What do you mean what slip of paper? For my car?" "Oh that!" Ervinke replied, took out his note book, tore out a leaf from it and wrote down the number of the gentleman's car: "T 14943."

The gentleman carefully folded the slip of paper and stuffed it away in his wallet. He only wanted to know why he had to pay 350 pruta, when in front of the Gaiel Gil they took only 200 pruta for guarding a car.

Ervinke replied that he took 350, and if the gentleman did not like it he could park his car in front of the Gaiel Gil. The gentleman went in to the exhibition, his face scarlet, while Ervinke stayed on, pondering the possibilities inherent in the situation. From then on, Ervinke did not wait for the customers to come to him, but whenever a car or Doc pulled up, he would halt the man sitting at the wheel, give him a slip of paper on which he had written the number of the vehicle and the exact date, and say: "350 pruta."

to write the number on. By the time we left the exhibition, we had practically forgotten the cars entrusted to our care, when suddenly a customer popped out of the darkness, scared to death, and waved his slip of paper in our faces. It seems that somebody had stolen his car. Ervinke checked the paper closely and said: "T 14943. The gentleman is right. Here are your 350 pruta."

Ervinke paid him in cash, and we flew to Cyprus for the week-end. By arrangement with "Ma'ariv":

Within ten minutes we had run out of note book leaves, so I had to tear up a "Last Warning" from the Execution Office" which I happened to have on me, and on these slips of paper Ervinke wrote down the numbers and date. When the "Last Warning" fragments had gone, we went into the exhibition and had a friendly chat with the demonstrator of the automatic potato peeling machine. She wanted to give us her phone number, but we could not find even a piece of confetti



POKER GAME IN THE PERSIAN GULF

river courses. They are set among palm groves broken here and there by fields of vegetables and corn. Buildings cluster together and the generally nature of the region is betrayed by many forts and strongpoints.

Most of the large villages are dominated by massive forts, and palm groves and other cultivated strips are dotted with towers. The village of armed demonstrations these structures show remarkably little damage. The famous round fort of Niwa looked, from 500 metres, to be virtually undamaged. "You must remember," said an R.A.F. officer, "rockets are designed to pierce a few inches of armour-plating, not brick walls four metres thick." One wonders in that case whether it was worth using rockets at all. Talib may well be preening himself on the strength of his forts.

Flags of Defiance

Built at a point where a gloomy gorge breaks through an escarpment into the broad wadi bed, Tanuf — the capital of Sultan bin Himyar, Talib's strongest ally — is a fit lair for a mountain chief of unpredictable habits. Its massive triangular fort shows obvious signs of damage, part of the wall having collapsed under shelling. Red flags (of the Sultan) were seen flying from Iki and a village in the Salfam area, otherwise there was no sign of Talib's grip weakening. White flags flew defiantly over Jabrin, Bahlah, Tanuf, Niwa, Birket and Mauz. The significance of the red flag at Iki has not yet been established. It appeared two days after an R.A.F. attack on Iki fort but a road block put up by Talib's followers on the road north to Iki has not yet been removed. The failure to remove it suggests that the red flag does not signify a formal irrevocable change of allegiance.

The British authorities are confronted with the familiar dilemma of those attempting to coerce the enemy without causing bloodshed. The severity of the measures taken is being gradually stepped up, and barring the sudden collapse of Talib, will continue to get harsher. Thus Britain is incurring the increasing odium of waging war without using the means to bring it to a quick conclusion. This is one of the many signs that the British Government decided to act without consulting carefully enough the nature of the opposition or the best way of overcoming it.

WITH the exception of the researcher in mathematics and the sciences even the top expert who is eagerly snapped up by institutions and employers in Israel will be helpless without a working knowledge of Hebrew. One of the most important aids given to new immigrants is the study of Hebrew in "Ulpanim." These institutions, developed during the past eight years, have branched out vigorously during the past couple of years and have now collected enough experience, both organizational and educational, to meet the demands of the present immigration.

You are surprised at the silence that reigns in the ulpan: for it is full of people, all crowded into small classrooms, all busily writing in notebooks or staring at the Hebrew hieroglyphics on the blackboard. The students are of various ages and origins. Gone are the days when many of the ulpanim were gathering places for the "Anglo-Saxons." During one short hour you can talk to an accountant from Cairo, a woman professor of literature from Rumania, the former manager of a government trust in one of the other European countries, an army officer, a sports instructor from Hungary, Catholic nuns from Germany. None of them knew a word of Hebrew upon arrival, for all belong to a generation which did not learn Hebrew when it was young.

There are six ulpanim with living-in accommodation at present, with a total of more than 1,000 places — one ulpan each for Jerusalem, Haifa, Tel Aviv, Ntanya, Beerseba and Petah Tikva. There are part-time ulpanim and ulpanim for the aged, not to speak of the 20 kibbutz ulpanim where immigrants of 18 to 30 study four hours a day and work another four. All this is inadequate, and more ulpanim are going to be opened.

Two years ago these institutions operated on a total annual budget of £10,000. The figure has now grown to £300,000 and the head of the Agency's section for ulpanim is confident that it will soon be increased to a million pounds.

Housing the students was a problem. It was solved by pressing into service the Batei Halutzot, the Women Workers' Council hostels for immigrant women, which have fairly comfortable living quarters as well as dining halls and common rooms. In Haifa the old Beit Olim has had to do. Specially designed buildings will be required if the ulpan system is going to expand further.

A homogeneous system of instruction, worked out by the Ministry of Education, enables the teachers to give instruction in Hebrew alone after the first few weeks, when everyone in the classroom turns interpreter for everyone else. One thing is certain: the system works. After four or five months of intensive study the student has a working knowledge of Hebrew.

But teaching Hebrew is only part of the job of the ulpan, which is designed to impart information about Is-

Ulpanim: Tools for the Intellectual

By GERDA LUFT

rael, Zionism, Zionist history, the organization of the community and so on. The newcomer has to absorb endless information, mixed with a certain amount of indoctrination. It is a strange thing that these four or five months are, for many newcomers, a period of comparative relaxation. Tense, anxious and nervous upon arrival, they find it a relief to settle down to study Hebrew, to follow the strict routine of the classroom, free from actual worry about their livelihood. It is significant that this quiet evaporates during the last few weeks of the ulpan term, when the students realize that they will soon have to leave this sheltered existence; and it is equally significant that teachers and administrators serve as confidants and advisers in matters that have nothing to do with Hebrew studies.

Kibbutz Courses
The establishment of kibbutz ulpanim suited the ulpan system as well as the settlements. For the organizers, the kibbutz offered a ready-made framework for instruction; for the kibbutzim, the ulpan students offered relief from the settlements' perennial manpower shortage and growing difficulties with Israeli youth, which has found new openings in study, research, the army and the professions.

The authorities have always lent every assistance to the kibbutz movement's absorption of newcomers. The kibbutz movement's absorption of newcomers is a process of mutual adaptation. The kibbutz offers a ready-made framework for instruction; for the kibbutzim, the ulpan students offered relief from the settlements' perennial manpower shortage and growing difficulties with Israeli youth, which has found new openings in study, research, the army and the professions.

Church Property

Sir, — Your report of July 26, on the incidents which led to the closure of our Church, has come to my notice. I regret to say that it contains a number of incorrect, or at least confused statements.

The Superior of the Monastery agreed that there had been no intention on the part of the military to desecrate the Church itself, but I cannot help reserving my judgment as to the absence of bad intent in the incidents.

In your report it is said that our allegations were exaggerated. It was never claimed that the Church itself had been damaged. Both in the telegram of protest and in the notice put up on the door of the Sanctuary, it was made sufficiently clear that the damage was confined to the adjoining property. If the reporter thinks that the amount of the damage has been exaggerated, he is invited to inspect the property himself. He will then also be able to verify if any damage has been done to Jewish property in the surrounding area, as we ourselves do not know to what he may be referring, since there is no cultivated land other than our own in the immediate vicinity of the "Stella Maris Hospice."

The four representatives of the Government who visited me made their apologies for the incidents, admitting there, by that a moral and not only a material injury had been

VISITOR: JACQUES SOUSTELLE

A NEW link in the chain of friendly relations between Israel and France has been forged with the arrival last night of the parliamentary delegation of the French-Israeli Alliance Association. The President of the association and leader of the delegation is one of the young and interesting politicians who have made their appearance in the French political arena in the last war and since then — Jacques Soustelle.

Widely known as the former Governor of Algeria, Jacques Soustelle has also achieved fame as an important ethnologist and as an expert in the study of the primitive peoples of Latin America. He occupies himself with politics and science intermittently and his last book — "The Daily Life of the Aztecs" — was published while he was already Governor of Algeria.

Interesting Career
Jacques Soustelle's rise, as interesting in itself and typical of the young group of French politicians of today who emerged into political life during the war and the underground.



The son of a machinist, he early showed exceptional promise. His teachers persuaded his parents to let him continue his studies after finishing elementary school and they acquired a scholarship for him. But he went even beyond the expectations of his teachers and took first place in the competition for the Ecole Normale Supérieure, one of the most famous

institutions in the country, where he took his degree in philosophy at the age of 20. After three years of field work among primitive tribes in Mexico, Soustelle returned to Paris to defend his thesis, in which he disproved some of the assumptions of the great French sociologists Durkheim and Levy-Bruhl. His talents were recognized immediately and at the age of 25 he became Assistant Director of Musée de l'Homme, one of the largest ethnological museums in the world. In the same pre-war period, he was close to the Left intellectual circles in Paris, but the Ribbentrop-Molotov Pact led him to break off such ties.

In July, 1940, Soustelle joined De Gaulle in London, and he has been a friend and admirer of the General since 1952. It was during the war that he began his political activity, and in 1943 De Gaulle put him in charge of the Free French Information Service.

When the Gaullist party, the R.P.F., was founded, Soustelle was elected its Secretary-General and later, its parliamentary group and editor of the party's organ. The party was then second in strength only to the Communists, and during the Cabinet crisis of 1952, President Vincent Auriol invited Soustelle to form a government. He turned the offer down — thus following the line of his mentor De Gaulle — because he believed that a consistent policy could not be carried out under France's party system.

Loyal to De Gaulle
In all the vicissitudes and splits through which the R.P.F. went during the following years, Soustelle remained loyal to it and to De Gaulle. He regarded his party as an independent group with a national and a social mission. In parliament, he fought against the unification of Europe and the rearmament of Germany, which subjected him to the charge of being "neutralist."

In January, 1955, he was appointed Governor of Algeria by Mendes-France, who regarded him as the man most capable of carrying out a policy that would be both firm and liberal at the same time. This was one of the most tragic — and perhaps the most tragic — periods in Soustelle's life, and it is probably still too early to reach a final judgment in the matter.

He arrived in Algeria full of hope, confident that the problem could be solved fairly — but he was hated a priori by the French colon who had opposed his appointment in the first place. Still, when he left Algeria 13 months later, tens of thousands of French residents blocked the road to the port in order to keep him from resigning — and the question of Algeria was still France's most painful problem.

While serving in Algeria, Soustelle became acquainted with Middle East problems at first hand. He came to know of Nasser's intrigues. It was undoubtedly at that time that he got the idea of an actual alliance between France and Israel, something he is advocating and working for today. In Soustelle's opinion the recent events in the Middle East and the unrest in the region are all guided by strings from the Kremlin.

In his visit to Israel as a guest of the Government, Soustelle will gain an insight into the political, military and economic problems which bind the two nations, and as an ethnologist he will be interested in the phenomenon of the fusing of the various groups in the new State.

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